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The New Majority NYC Announces First Slate of Endorsements for 2025 Election Cycle

New York, NY – The New Majority NYC, a leading organization dedicated to advancing women's political power in New York City, is proud to announce its first slate of endorsements for the 2025 election cycle. After a rigorous evaluation process, the organization is backing a dynamic group of candidates who are committed to equity, justice, and progress for all New Yorkers.

"The New Majority NYC is focused on ensuring that women, especially women of color, have the resources and support they need to lead in our city," said Ebonie Simpson, Executive Director of The New Majority NYC. "These candidates have demonstrated the leadership, vision, and alignment with our values to move New York forward. We are excited to stand with them."

The endorsed candidates represent a broad and diverse coalition of leaders, including incumbents who have championed key policy initiatives and newcomers who bring fresh perspectives to the political landscape. The selection process considered candidate viability, fundraising, district knowledge, policy acumen, and alignment with The New Majority NYC's core mission.

The New Majority NYC's Endorsed Candidates:

Rank 1 Candidates:

- Elizabeth Lewinsohn (District 1) – Challenger
- Andrea Gordillo (District 2) – Open Seat
- Virginia Maloney (District 4) – Open Seat
- Julie Menin (District 5) – Incumbent
- Gale Brewer (District 6) - Incumbent
- Elsie Encarnacion (District 8) – Open Seat
- Carmen De La Rosa (District 10) – Incumbent

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- Pierina Sanchez (District 14) – Incumbent
- Althea Stevens (District 16) – Incumbent
- Amanda Farias (District 18) – Incumbent
- Sandra Ung (District 20) – Incumbent
- Tiffany Cabán (District 22) – Incumbent
- Linda Lee (District 23) – Incumbent
- Julie Won (District 26) – Incumbent
- Nantasha Williams (District 27) – Incumbent
- Lynn Schulman (District 29) – Incumbent
- Selvena Brooks-Powers (District 31) – Incumbent
- Jennifer Gutiérrez (District 34) – Incumbent
- Crystal Hudson (District 35) – Incumbent
- Sandy Nurse (District 37) – Incumbent
- Alexa Avilés (District 38) – Incumbent
- Shahana Hanif (District 39) – Incumbent
- Rita Joseph (District 40) – Incumbent
- Susan Zhuang (District 43) – Incumbent
- Farah Louis (District 45) – Incumbent
- Mercedes Narcisse (District 46) – Incumbent
- Kayla Santosuosso (District 47) – Open Seat
- Kamillah Hanks (District 49) – Incumbent

Rank 2 Candidates:

- Sarah Batchu (District 2) – Open Seat
- Vanessa Aronson (District 4) – Open Seat
- Clarisa Alayeto (District 8) – Open Seat
- Maya Kornberg (District 39) – Challenger

Rank 3 Candidates:

- Allison Ryan (District 2) – Open Seat
- Faith Bondy (District 4) – Open Seat

Rank 4 Candidates:

- Rachel Storch (District 4) – Open Seat

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With ten open seats in the New York City Council this election cycle, the risk of losing the historic women's majority is higher than ever. Three women incumbents are among those term-limited, leaving competitive open races where strong women candidates are up against well-resourced male opponents—including prominent state elected officials and Council staffers. Meanwhile, 16 of our previously endorsed women incumbents are facing serious challenges, with 13 running against at least one male challenger.

A loss in the women's majority would not only impact legislative priorities—it would also significantly reduce the likelihood of appointing a woman Speaker of the City Council in 2025. This would jeopardize the Council's ability to champion and sustain the progressive policies that have been central to advancing gender and racial equity in New York City.

"The stakes could not be higher," Board Co-Chairs Yvette Buckner and Teresa Gonzalez emphasize. "The historic women's majority we fought so hard to achieve is under direct threat. Losing even a few seats could drastically change the landscape of city government, putting at risk the hard-won legislative victories that have prioritized gender justice, economic equity, and community-centered leadership. We cannot afford to go backward."

The New Majority NYC will continue to evaluate candidates and announce additional endorsements in the coming weeks. For more information on the endorsed candidates and The New Majority NYC's efforts, visit www.thenewmajoritynyc.org.

About The New Majority NYC

The New Majority NYC is a dual 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) political organization dedicated to building political power for all women. We achieve this by electing women-identified candidates running for office in New York City who align with our values and bottom-line issues.